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SATURDAY
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We got to bed this morning at about 1:30.

The de Beaumonts have a house on the village street of Beidelsheim. It is filled with all sorts of trophies of the chase, both French and African, and [redacted] is [redacted] picturesque and comfortable.

The men had breakfast this morning at 9:00 o'clock and we went forth in a huge trailer to the German side of the Rhine about 40 minutes distant. After various customs formalities, we joined the German guards and beaters and spent the daylight hours walking in line through the fields, which are cultivated by strip farming. There is a good deal of Indian corn raised there [redacted] affording excellent cover and feeding ground for pheasants and partridges.

Monsieur de Lochaumette, a young French Senator, and his wife, both excellent shots, Monsieur Masson, a former French Cabinet Minister, and his wife (the latter a non-shooter), Monsieur de Ribon, of Colombian nationality, who lives in France where he is a theatrical producer, the de Beaumonts and myself were the guns. We killed about 175 pieces of game, the bag consisting of partridges, pheasants, hares, rabbits, and three roebuck. We saw a few ducks but they were too distant. At midday we had a simple lunch in the trailer at which Evangeline and Madame Masson joined us. We must have walked about 15 kilometres. It was quite hot, with the sky overcast. Tonight we had dinner at the de Beaumonts.

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